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Village Improvement Association.

The interest felt by the residents of Bloomfield in all that pertains to improvements in the village or in the township at large is still as active as when this Village Improvement Association was organized more than four years ago.

In fact the Association is to be credited with having developed this interest, and for a time at least, it had much influence in directing the course and manner in which improvements were to be made.

During the last two years, partly owing to the serious illness of its active President, Dr. Jos. A. Davis, few meetings have been held, and the organization has withdrawn somewhat from the consideration of questions of local interest. During the past two weeks an attempt has been made to get the members together and make a fresh start, but the attendance has been so small that it was decided to adjourn the meeting until Wednesday Eve., the 12th inst.

The work done by the Township Committee has been of great importance to the township and has been appreciated by the taxpayers, but the permanent improvement of the village must rest in the hands of the individual property owners.

The extent of their public spirit and private taste and enterprise will be the true measure of our success. The matter of the improvement of private property even, ought not to be left to the individual taste and feelings of the owner; by consulting with our neighbors and ascertaining to what extent those are willing to join in the putting down of stone sidewalks, or in curbing on the street lines, or in replacing dilapidated fences by new and ornamental ones, or in planting shade trees, or in dedicating land for new streets in the outskirts of the town, and in a dozen other such matters we make it possible to work in harmony and secure promptly many advantages which one individual could not obtain single-handed.

There are several property owners who would agree to build houses on the outskirts of the village if they knew that others would join in so doing, so that they could make a neighborhood of sufficient size and importance to share in the benefits of our municipal improvements.

It is for accomplishing such purposes as these that the Association is organized, and it will be plain to every one that their work is not yet finished, it has only just begun.

The officers extend an earnest invitation to all the residents of Bloomfield to attend this meeting at Dodd's Hall next Wednesday evening, at which time officers will be elected and committees appointed and work for the spring and summer will be considered.

It is especially desired that gentlemen who have recently become residents of the village shall attend this meeting and identify themselves with the community in which they live.

The Tramp Nuisance.

By the laws of New Jersey, beggars from door to door, wandering from place to place, and lodging in barns or the open air, is made an offense punishable by fine or imprisonment. Ample provision is made for the care of indigent persons in almshouses or charitable institutions. Each county, township, or city is compelled to support those who through sickness, youth or old age are unable to earn a livelihood. Begging is therefore unnecessary, and, in itself, a confession of wrong. Those persons who can give a good account of themselves can secure work at home or failing in that, can obtain aid from the poor masters where they live. Very few care to obtain work, or will take it if offered them.

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to the peace, property and welfare of the community. Persons who feed them are engaged in a misplaced charity, which is likely to be rewarded by the theft of their property or assaults upon their life.

In this village, tramps have become an intolerable nuisance. Barns in the outskirts are filled every night with roving men and sometimes women, whose desperate character is written upon their faces.

To feed such men and women is but to confirm them in their evil habits, to save them not from starvation but from work. Where they congregate there is no safety for women or children by night and scarcely by day. Without homes or family attachments of any sort, strangers to everybody, they plunder with impunity the peaceful communities through which they roam. Satisfied in winter with a three months' stay at the penitentiary, in the summer they become highwaymen, vagrants, tramps, land pirates, or sharks.

In a word their presence is intolerable, useless to themselves, a menace to peace-loving citizens, and a disgrace to our civilization.

It is time that the laws of the State were enforced. No better disposition could be made of a portion of the money devoted to police purposes than by authorizing the arrest and commitment of these tramps to the Workhouse. Let it be published abroad that this township will harbor no vagrants, that every man found begging upon the streets unless he can give a good account of himself, will be summarily arrested and committed, and this nuisance will soon cease. We commend to the attention of the Township Committee the following extracts from the Revised Statutes, for their immediate and decisive action:

Revision of Laws of New Jersey, p. 304, section 1—Disorderly persons \* \* \* and all persons who shall go about from door to door, or place themselves in streets, highways or passages to beg, crave charity or collect alms, or who shall wander about and lodge \* \* \* in the open air, and not give a good account of themselves \* \* \* shall be deemed and adjudged to be disorderly persons.

Section 10, page 306.—It shall be the duty of every constable, and lawful for other persons, to apprehend without warrant or process any disorderly person of the description aforesaid, and to take him or her before any Justice of the Peace of the county where apprehended, and it shall be the duty of such Justice to commit such disorderly person when convicted before him by confession of the offender, or by the oath or affirmation of one or more witnesses, to the Work House of the city, town or county, there to be kept at hard labor for any time not exceeding three calendar months, except when herein otherwise particularly prescribed.

The Township Committee have received several applications requesting that the water mains be extended through streets which are not now supplied.

It is within the power of the Committee to contract for water for ten more hydrants, and this should secure nearly a mile and a half of mains. The application of Mr. Henry Lindenmeyer to have the mains extended to his property, a distance of a quarter of a mile above Bay Lane, has been granted by the committee. Mr. Lindenmeyer has recently purchased a considerable tract of land adjoining his residence, and we are informed that he contemplates building several houses upon it this year. All the property on Broad street above the Greenwood Lake Railway is favorably situated, and if the owners will begin building operations pretty soon, there is no good reason why they should not share in the growth of the town.

State Items.

State Comptroller Anderson's great-grandfather was one of the Commissioners for the purchase of ground for the first State House, in 1791, and now the Major himself, as State Comptroller, ninety-five years later, is one of the Commissioners for the rebuilding of that structure.

Cooper, Hewitt & Co., who are operating the Gulick and the old Beemer mines at Chester, on Tuesday raised the wages from \$1.10 to \$1.25 for laborers, and machine runners to \$1.50 per day. The Chester Highland Iron Company also raised the wages to the same figures above mentioned, which makes it the highest rate of wages paid in that region.

The contest between gas and electricity has been of great benefit to Atlantic City financially. The price of lighting the street lamps with gas has been reduced from twenty-five to fifteen dollars per year, and the arc lights have been reduced from ninety to fifty cents per night. The Edison Company is putting in its plant and will be in operation by June 1st.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from Baltimore to Philadelphia is expected to be completed to Chester next week, and connection made with the Reading Railroad branch at that city. It is understood to be the intention to make an early commencement of freight traffic by this route over the Reading and New Jersey Central lines from Baltimore to New York.

While crossing from Jersey City at 2 o'clock on the morning of June 9, 1884, on the ferry-boat Susquehanna, John Gregory, driver of a milk wagon, fell into a coal hole, sustaining severe injuries. He brought a suit for \$25,000 damages against the New York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company. The case was tried Thursday and a verdict for \$5,000 was given for the plaintiff.

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"It is too early to predict who will be the Republican candidate for Governor of New Jersey next Fall. A number of good men have been named, but the party has not yet got down to solid work on the question. General Ward, of Newark, seems to be just now a general favorite. There is plenty of time before the nomination to think over the matter, and keep the Democrats in a stew."

For many years the Temperance people of Middletown, near Long Branch, have been trying to prevent the issue of a liquor license to the proprietor of the American Hotel, the only hotel in the town. They tried to secure the indictment of the landlord for illegally selling liquors, but without success. They have succeeded in renting the hotel over the head of the old landlord who had occupied it for twenty years, and will now run it as a temperance house.

Through the efforts of the Bertrand Island Club, a bill has been passed through the Legislature and signed by the Governor, supplementing the game and fish law in such a manner as to put a stop to the discharge of acids and other poisonous matter into Lake Hopatcong. It was discovered last year that the fish in the lake were being destroyed by acids from the Forcite Company's factory, and the bill in question was framed after the source of the trouble was definitely ascertained.

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Bloomfield Centre  
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—AND DEALER IN—  
FINE GROCERIES.

Office, Old Gov. Java and Mara.  
whole or ground, best, .23  
Fine Cream Cheese .12  
Best Tea in the market .45  
New Creamery New York State Butter .28  
Fresh Canned Lobster .28  
" Salmon, 2 for .25  
Duryea's Gloss Starch .05  
My line on Canned Goods is the best, and everything else I have in my store is the Best! Call and see for yourself.

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RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

(Corrected to date.)

Del. Lack. & Western Railroad.

LEAVE BLOOMFIELD FOR NEW YORK :  
(Glenwood Avenue Station.)

6.08, 7.19, 7.56, 8.32, 9.19, 10.39, 11.39  
A. M. 12.46, 1.45, 3.35, 4.44, 5.29,  
6.15, 6.59, 8.20, 9.45, 11.10, P. M.  
12.39 A. M.

Note—Leave Glen Ridge 2 minutes earlier, Watering 2 minutes later than time given above.

LEAVE NEW YORK FOR BLOOMFIELD :  
(Barclay St. Ferry.)

6.30, 7.20, 8.10, 9.30, 10.30, 11.20 A. M.  
12.40, 2.10, 3.40, \*4.30, 4.50, 5.30,  
6.30, 7.00, 8.30, 10.00, 11.30 P. M.

\* Does not stop at Newark.

Leave Christopher St. 5 minutes later.

LEAVE NEWARK FOR BLOOMFIELD :  
6.40, 7.15, 7.53, 8.42, 10.03, 11.03,  
11.53 A. M. 1.13, 2.44, 4.13, 5.26,  
6.03, 6.53, 7.40, 9.03, 10.38, 12.08 P. M.

N. Y. & Greenwood Lake R. R.

LEAVE NEW YORK, FOOT OF CHAMBERS ST. :  
6:00, 8:30, A. M., 12, 1.45, 3.40, (4.20 Express stopping only at North Newark) 4.40,  
5.40, 6.20, 8.00, 10.00 P. M. Saturday night  
Theatre train 12 o'clock. Trains 5.30 A. M.,  
and 4.40 P. M. run to Greenwood Lake.

LEAVE BLOOMFIELD FOR NEW YORK :  
5.38, 7.06, 7.59, (8.33 Express stopping only at North Newark) 8.56, 10.56, 11.56 A. M., 1.38, 3.06, 4.30, 5.05, 6.55, 9.28 P. M. Saturday night  
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